

50. The method of claim 45, wherein a spring causes the head to impact the member against the skin.

51. The method of claim 45, including manually activating the head to impact the member against the skin.

52. The method of claim 45, wherein the member comprises a sheet having a plurality of microprotrusions extending from a skin proximal surface or edge thereof.

53. The method of claim 45, wherein the microprotrusions are adapted to pierce the skin to a depth of up to about 500 μm .

54. The method of Claim 45, wherein the surface has a shape which approximates a curved or convex shape.

55. The method of Claim 54, wherein the surface has a frustum shape.--

Change of Inventorship

Kindly delete Patrick S.L. Wong, Peter E. Daddona, and Michael G. Zuck as inventors from this application.

Remarks

The present application is designated as a continuation of pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/208,813 filed December 9, 1998 ("parent application"). The parent application is being examined by Examiner Kay Shelborne in Art Unit 1616.

The present application has been filed in order to claim certain features that were disclosed but not claimed in the parent application. These features are disclosed on page 11, lines 10-16 and page 13, lines 2-4 of the present application.

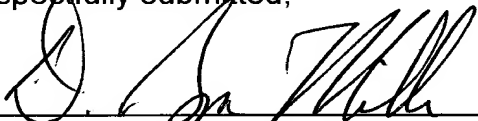
The inventors of the subject matter of new claims 36-55 are not the same as the inventors of the original claims 1-35. While the original claims 1-35 had five co-inventors (Trautman, Wong, Daddona, Kim and Zuck) the new claims 36-55 have only two co-inventors, namely, Trautman and Kim. A Petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) to delete inventors Wong, Daddona and Zuck is enclosed herewith.

An early and favorable action on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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